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(SALT TWO - 1662)

SUMMARY: SIDES CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CRUISE MISSILE
RANGE DEFINITION. SOVIETS SAID SUBSYSTEMS EXTERNAL TO
CRUISE MISSILE MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BUT SHOULD NOT
BE DETERMINING FACTORS IN COMPUTING CRUISE MISSILE RANGE.
SOVIETS ALSO EXPLORED EXTENT OF "OUTER LIMIT" BEYOND
600/2500 KM RANGE LIMITS THE U.S. BELIEVED NECESSARY FOR
ITS CONCEPT OF MAXIMUM RANGE. END SUMMARY.

1. KARPOV NOTED APPARENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN DELEGATIONS
"THAT WHAT MUST BE EVOLVED IS THE RANGE OF THE SYSTEM
AS A WHOLE, THAT IS, ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF ELEMENTS
NOT ON THE CRUISE MISSILE BUT ASSOCIATED WITH IT."
HOWEVER, KARPOV LATER QUALIFIED PREVIOUS STATEMENT BY
ASSERTING THAT "ACCORDING TO (SOVIET) DEFINITION,
EXTERNAL SUBSYSTEMS SHOULD NOT BE THE DETERMINING FACTORS
IN DETERMINING CRUISE MISSILE RANGE."

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2. PEREZ SAID U.S. ESTIMATES SHOWED THAT SOVIET CRUISE
MISSILE RANGE DEFINITION WOULD CAUSE A NUMBER OF DEPLOYED
SOVIET CRUISE MISSILES TO HAVE RANGES IN EXCESS OF 600 KM,
BASED ON THEIR PROPULSION CAPABILITIES WHEN OPERATING
IN THEIR STANDARD DESIGN MODES, WHEREAS, UNDER THE U.S.
DEFINITION THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE RANGES OF
LESS THAN 600 KM EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN FLY FARTHER THAN

600 KM.

THE REASON IS THAT UNDER U.S. DEFINITION THEY CANNOT EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE TARGET BEYOND 600 KM FROM LAUNCH POINT WHEN OPERATING IN STANDARD FULL-SYSTEM DESIGN MODE. KARPOV PROMISED TO STUDY PEREZ'S REMARKS CAREFULLY AND RETURN TO THEM SUBSEQUENTLY.

3. AT CLOSE OF MEETING, KARPOV POSED TWO QUESTIONS:

-- WHEN U.S. SPOKE OF EXTERNAL SUBSYSTEMS, IT REFERRED TO RADAR AS EXAMPLE; DID U.S. HAVE OTHER SUBSYSTEMS IN MIND AS WELL?

-- IF U.S. CONSIDERED RADAR TO BE ONLY RELEVANT SUBSYSTEM, HOW DID U.S. DEFINITION RELATE TO A SUBMARINE EQUIPPED WITH CRUISE MISSILES?

PEREZ AGREED TO RETURN TO THESE POINTS AT LATER MEETING.

4. DURING SUBSEQUENT LUNCHEON TO MARK 200TH DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, HOSTED BY PEREZ, SMOLIN TOLD MCNEILL HE BELIEVED CRUISE MISSILE RANGE DISCUSSION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY AIDED IF U.S. COULD PROPOSE SOME "OUTER LIMIT" FOR ITS CONCEPT OF MAXIMUM RANGE. TO ILLUSTRATE, HE SAID MULTIPLYING 600 KM LIMIT BY FACTOR OF 4 OR 5 WOULD BE "UNACCEPTABLE," AND MULTIPLYING BY FACTOR OF 3 WOULD
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BE "UNREASONABLE." SMOLIN RECALLED THAT RESOLUTION OF LAUNCH-WEIGHT/THROW-WEIGHT ISSUE HAD BEEN EXPEDITED BY "OUTER LIMIT." COL. KOUKLEV TOLD CDR. NORTON HE COULD SEE NO BASIS FOR U.S. CONTENTION THAT CURRENTLY-DEPLOYED SOVIET CRUISE MISSILES HAVE RANGES GREATER THAN 600 KM.
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